

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A status information sharing system for managing status information of users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes a presence or absence of the users at the user terminal devices;

a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;

a generation unit that generates ~~updated~~ change information of status information in accordance with both the recognition of a presence or absence of the users and the searched schedule information; and

an update unit that automatically updates ~~present~~ status information of the users ~~based on~~ the basis of the generated ~~updated status~~ change information.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for the last and present schedule information.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for next schedules.

4. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said search unit searches the schedule information of the users for past schedules.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a count unit that counts the duration of a predetermined status if the presence or absence of the user is said predetermined status,

wherein said generation unit generates the ~~updated~~ change information of the status information based on the basis of the duration counted by said count unit.

7. (Currently Amended) A user terminal device that is capable of communicating with a server device managing schedules of registered users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

a connection unit that connects to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;

an input unit that inputs information from the connected manipulation unit or imaging device;

a generation unit that generates information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information;

a transmission unit that transmits the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and

a receiving unit that receives ~~present~~ status information of the user which is ~~updated~~ changed in accordance with both the transmitted information and the schedule information managed by the server device.

8. (Currently Amended) A server device that is capable of communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

a recognition unit that recognizes a presence or absence of users at the user terminal devices;

a search unit that searches schedule information of registered users;

a generation unit that generates ~~updated~~ change information of status information in accordance with both the presence or absence of the user and the searched schedule information; and

an update unit that automatically updates the ~~present~~ status information of the users ~~based on~~ the basis of the generated ~~updated status~~ change information.

9. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a user terminal device that is capable of communicating with a server device for managing schedules of users who operate user terminal devices, comprising:

a connection step of connecting to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;

an input step of inputting information from the connected manipulation unit or the imaging device;

a generation step of generating information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information;

a transmission step of transmitting the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and

a receiving step of receiving ~~present~~ status information of the user which is ~~updated~~ changed in accordance with both the transmitted information and schedule information managed by the server device.

10. (Currently Amended) A control method for controlling a server device that is capable of communicating with user terminal devices, comprising:

a recognition step of recognizing a presence or absence of users at the user terminal devices;

a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;

a generation step of generating ~~updated~~ change information of status information in accordance with both the presence or absence of the users and the searched schedule information; and

an update step of automatically updating ~~present~~ status information of the users ~~based on~~ the basis of the generated ~~updated status~~ change information.

11. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling a user terminal device that is capable of communicating with a server device managing schedules of users who operate user terminal devices, the program comprising:

a connection step of connecting to at least a manipulation input device or an imaging device;

an input step of inputting information from the connected manipulation unit or imaging device;

a generation step of generating information representing a presence or absence of a user at the user terminal device based on the input information;

a transmission step of transmitting the generated information representing the presence or absence of the user at the user terminal device to the server device; and

a receiving step of receiving ~~present~~ status information of the user which is ~~updated~~ changed in accordance with both the transmitted information and the schedule information managed by the server device.

12. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program for controlling a server device that is capable of communicating with user terminal devices, the program comprising:

a recognition step of recognizing a presence or absence of the users at the user terminal devices;

a search step of searching schedule information of registered users;

a generation step of generating ~~updated~~ change information of status information in accordance with both the presence or absence of the users and the searched schedule information; and

an update step of automatically updating ~~present~~ status information of the users ~~based on~~ the basis of the generated ~~updated status~~ change information.

13. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a transmission unit that transmits the updated ~~present~~ status information of the users to the user terminal devices.

14. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim1, wherein said recognition unit recognizes the presence or absence of the users based on a status of input from an input device connected to the user terminal devices or an image taken by an image device connected to the user terminal.